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SUBJECT: LEE FORECASTS A FAIR, IF NOT A GOOD YEAR FOR SINGAPORE
IN 1977

1. IN HIS TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE, PRIME MINISTER
LEE KWAN YEW ON DECEMBER 31 SOUGHT TO DISCERN THE ECONOMY'S
PROSPECTS, WARNED ASEAN OF POSSIBLE EXTERNAL PRESSURES
AND PROMISED MORE TO SINGAPORE'S URBAN AND RURAL POOR. (TEXT
BEING POUCHED EA/IMS).

2. STATING THAT "1976 WAS A MODERATELY GOOD YEAR", LEE
FORECAST A CONTINUATION OF 7 PERCENT GROWTH IN THE FIRST HALF OF
1977. HE DECLINED TO VENTURE A PREDICTION FOR THE YEAR AS
A WHOLE EXPLAINING THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
INDUSTRIALIZED WEST AND MOVEMENT TOWARD AN ARAB-ISRAELI
SETTLEMENT (WHICH WOULD MODERATE FUTURE OPEC PRICE INCREASES)
WOULD BE DETERMINING. HOWEVER, LEE SAID THERE
SHOULD BE NO UNEMPLOYMENT IF INVESTMENT COMMITMENTS MADE IN
1975 AND 1976 PROCEED AS SCHEDULED.

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3. LEE SAID THAT NEW GREAT POWER RELATIONSHIPS,
OCCASIONED IN PART BY A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP, "WILL
SETTLE THE FRAMEWORK FOR OUR REGION AND PROSPECTS
FOR STABILITY AND PROSPERITY". GREATER COOPERATION
AMONG THE ASEAN COUNTRIES IS NECESSARY TO WITHSTAND
POSSIBLE "PRESSURES ON EACH OF US, AND FOR POLITICAL

ATTACKS ON ASEAN AS A GROUP."

4. FINALLY, LEE CITED URBAN RENEWAL PLANS OF VARIOUS
GOS BODIES. THRUST OF THESE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE TO
RETAIN THE CITY CENTER'S VITALITY AND TO MINIMIZE
THE DISLOCATION OF PEOPLE. CONCLUDING, LEE AVERRED
THAT "DESPITE THE UNCERTAINTIES, (1977) CAN STILL BE A FAIR,
IF NOT A GOOD YEAR".
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